

# LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

## Windham County

### EKONK

**Alva Frink Has Fingers Crushed—Christmas Concert and Tree.**

Clark Congdon is ill. Alva Frink recently crushed his fingers at the steam mill. The young gentleman was home for two weeks' vacation. She went to Providence and Washington for a visit of two days.

Miss Marion Blackless closed her school in the Wythe district Tuesday and has gone to Indiana for a two weeks' vacation. Miss Mellor closed her school here Wednesday and has gone to her home in Bridgeport. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gallup spent Monday in Norwich.

**Christmas and Concert.** Benjamin Wilcox took Mrs. Hattie Tanner and Miss Margaret Tanner to Norwich Tuesday to purchase gifts for the Christmas tree. There was a concert Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Colburn returned home Monday after spending several days with her niece in Voluntown attending the funeral of George Whipple.

### ATTAWAUGAN

**Schools Hold Christmas Entertainments—Fire Results from Children Playing with Matches.**

Miss Augusta Colby, of Waterville, Maine, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Colby.

The public school gave an entertainment last Friday afternoon at the school. George Brown spent several days this week in Providence. Walter Rollinson and a party of young men motored to Providence Sunday.

William Parkhurst is seriously ill. The Sunday school has its Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Raymond Mitchell was in Worcester Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sweeney are visiting the latter's aunt at Acton, Maine, over Christmas.

John Leffleur lost most of his furniture when a fire broke out in the house caused by the children playing with matches, the damage being done mostly by water.

### SOUTH KILLINGLY

Alfred Woods was a visitor in Providence Wednesday. The Willing Workers served a bean supper in Grange hall Saturday evening. Rain and bad traveling prevented many from attending. Mrs. A. E. Phillips was matron.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hall, Mrs. R. C. Kles, Mrs. Mary and Miss Inez Doane motored to Providence Friday. Felix Leffleur caught his hand in a door and injured it badly. Dr. Todd dressed the wound, which is healing favorably.

Valle Bernier was in Providence Monday. Herbert Tracy of Canterbury is the town clerk. This society's sawmill. Friends of Mrs. Charles Woodman are congratulating her on her successful journey to the city where she is a store in Danielson in a prize contest.

Mr. McElin cut his hand badly when an axe which he was using glanced and struck him.

### WOODSTOCK

**Children Give Christmas Play—Thrift Detecting Society, Organized in 1922, to Meet.**

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school were held in Academy hall Thursday evening. The Christmas play, Santa's Rescue, was given. The choir sang offertory.

**Organized in 1922.** The meeting of the Woodstock Thrift Detecting society is to be held at Society hall, North Woodstock, on Tuesday, Dec. 28. This society was organized in 1922 and incorporated in 1924. The constitution adopted in 1924 reads: "The purpose of this society is to detect and prevent frauds and to educate the public in the art of detecting frauds."

Miss Mary Perley is visiting in Brookline, Mass. Mrs. Elizabeth Bingham of Springfield, Mass., is in town.

**Evergreen Tree Blown Down.** A large evergreen tree near the Congregational church was blown down in the recent storm.

### BOLTON

The local schools closed with Christmas exercises on Friday afternoon, for two weeks' recess. Miss Annie M. Alvord spent the middle of the week in Columbia with her Amasa Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sheridan and family have moved to Manchester, N. H., to spend the summer at their Bolton place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pinney were in Bolton, Tuesday, last week to attend the ball given by the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Rose Franceschini is in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. George T. Newcomb, who has been ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rollins, who has been a guest at Dr. John Hutchinson's in New York, has returned home.

### BOLTON NOTCH

**Christmas Festival This Evening—Telephone Service Now Normal.**

Miss Laura Brownell has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brownell, for a few days. Mrs. Marie Shaw and daughter Julia of New York, are visiting at E. A. Shaw's.

The Sunday school of the Quarryville M. E. church will have a Christmas tree and concert at the Congregational church Friday evening.

At the annual meeting of Wolf Den Grange held Wednesday evening the following officers were elected: President, Walter E. Brown; lecturer, Mrs. Walter E. Brown; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Fuller; treasurer, Willis Cavell; steward, Raymond Whitehouse; assistant steward, Howard White; lady assistant, Virginia Sharpe; Ceres, Blanche Russ; Pomona, Dorothea Wetherill; Flora, Margaret Wetherill; gatekeeper, Ellsworth Cavell. Rev. Mr. Fuller was in charge of the lecturer's remarks. There was music by the quartet and readings by Mrs. Haines and other members, appropriate to the season.

Mrs. James Mackintosh has been ill for several days.

**What's the Use.** What's the use of waiting for the cruel war to be over when Marse Henry insists on writing the inside history of the Hayes-Tilden campaign over again?—Washington Post.

## SPRING HILL

**Christmas Eve Exercises, with Tree and Supper—Holiday Gatherings.**

There was no service at the church here last Sunday evening as the members of the local Y. P. C. E. were invited to attend the union meeting at Bridgeport.

This mid-week's prayer meeting was held at the parsonage. Christmas Eve Exercises. The public school closed Thursday afternoon for the holiday vacation. Thursday evening the pupils (who are also members of the Sunday school) held, jointly, exercises appropriate to Christmas eve; with a tree, supper and entertainment at the church.

E. W. Jones, who comes from Pomfret Centre has moved into the house at Spring Hill recently purchased by Mr. Muir.

D. C. Flaherty has moved the household goods from his home on Chaffeeville to the new house at Storrs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Storrs spent Friday and Saturday at Storrs and family at North Coventry. The morning (Saturday) Mrs. Storrs goes to Cotuit, Mass., for a week's visit.

B. M. Seasmann's Christmas with his daughter and family in Staten Island, N. Y.

Those who entertain the annual Christmas family gathering this year. Miss Marjorie Harris goes to her home in South Scituate, Mass., for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson White, of Winterset, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawkins, of South Scituate, will spend Christmas at D. C. Flaherty's. A family Christmas tree will be an attraction.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Van Duxer of Staten Island, N. Y., are at the home of the Duxes for Christmas.

## ELLINGTON

**Over \$15 Cleared From Book Bazaar—Mother Goose at Grange.**

Mrs. Nellie Rice has returned home after a visit with friends in New London, where she was on Saturday.

Miss Carrie Noble is at home from Whiston college, Norton, Mass., for the holidays. Other college students in town are Misses Margaret Thompson, May Haywood and Abbott Thompson.

## Book Bazaar.

The book bazaar held at the Wampanoag club in Ellington was a financial success, netting the ladies over \$15, which will be used to defray the expenses of Dr. Eastman's recent lecture.

Mrs. J. R. Talcott has left town to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Astor, of East Hartford. Miss Edna May has returned to Northampton, Mass., after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles Price.

Harrison Hamilton was a winner of several prizes in the recent fair of the N. E. Choral society.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas exercises held at the Grange Wednesday evening. After an interesting program of songs, readings and tableaux by the children, the interchange of gifts among the older members caused much merriment. Each child presented an orange and a box of candy.

C. E. Sikes, Jr., R. A. Sikes, J. T. McKinnon and Frank E. West were the four exhibitors in the recent fair of the N. E. Choral society.

Mr. Thompson Kimball left last week for Lima, Ohio, where she will be a guest at a house party over the holidays.

## SOUTH WILLINGTON

**Federated Church May Call a Pastor—Annual Communication of Uriel Lodge.**

William I. Maine died at his home in this town last Wednesday evening, a complication of troubles. He had been in the employ of G. Hall, Jr. & Co. for the past 15 years. Burial was held at East Hartford, the 13th. Deceased was born in Willimantic March 15th, 1860. A widow and two daughters, Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Hopkins, survive him.

The fall term of school closed Wednesday. The winter term commences Jan. 3d.

Rev. Leonard Smith occupied the desk at Memorial church last Sunday, his text being the Unchangeable Gift.

**May Call Pastor.** Next Sunday Rev. Walter H. Westerfield is expected to preach in Memorial church.

A vote is to be taken on the question of extending a call to Rev. Charles A. Parker of Newcastle, N. H., to be the pastor of the church.

**Ice Making Fast.** The work of putting up the track from the lake to the icehouse is about completed. Ice is making at a fair rate, with a prospect of early cutting.

**Uriel Lodge Election.** At the annual communication of Uriel lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M., held Dec. 18th, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Alva T. Stevens, W. M.; Edwin R. Dimock, S. W.; Rollin L. Birdsell, J. W.; William H. Hall, treasurer; Charles A. Judkins, secretary; George W. Fraser, S. D.; William F. Kirkpatrick, J. D.; Eugene W. Landon, E. D.; Charles A. Judkins, J. S.; Charles H. Copeland, chaplain; Leonard Smith, marshal; Edwin W. Slater, tyler.

**Home for Holidays.** Doris and Clara Hall came home from Dana Hall the 15th and Gardiner Hall came Saturday from Manlius Military school for Christmas vacation. Saturday at dinner at the home of William H. Hall had his entire family at the table since Sept. 1st. Mrs. Hall was taken ill with appendicitis about two weeks before the children went back to school in the fall.

## COVENTRY

**Brigham O. Spaulding's Death—Funeral of Mrs. Edmund Klespies—Christmas Exercises.**

By the death of Brigham O. Spaulding, which occurred Wednesday evening last, this community has lost a good citizen, a kind neighbor and an esteemed friend.

Mrs. Edmund Klespies, Mrs. Augusta Klespies, wife of Edmund Klespies, died after a lingering illness. Mrs. Klespies' first husband was killed in the Civil war, and at its close she married Mr. Klespies. They have lived here about eight years, coming from New York. The deceased was 86 years old and was survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Augusta Schwartz, of South Manchester, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Josephine and Mrs. Mary MacCormick will spend the vacation at her home in Colbrook.

Miss Nellie Copeland and Miss Mildred were in Willimantic, Monday, to help purchase presents for the Sunday school Christmas tree on Willington Hill.

Mrs. Merrill Cushman, Herman Cushman and Joseph Wilson were also in Willimantic.

Charles Cowles has gone to work in Staffordville.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Noxon, Jr., of North Easton, Mass., are visiting Mrs. Webster's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kenyon.

The Sunday school has a Christmas tree for the little ones Friday, at 2 p. m. A treat of candy and oranges, besides presents, on the tree were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Boss of Exeter were callers here Sunday evening.

J. C. Cahoon of Wakefield was a visitor here Sunday. He is spending his Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Palmer.

Fred Smith of Wyoming was a visitor here Monday night.

Miss Perkins of Providence, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. Kenyon, has returned home.

T. T. Loche is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin J. of Lafayette, for a few days.

Mrs. Eva Webster, who teaches at Point Judith, is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Franklin.

**ROCKVILLE**

**Mrs. Jared L. Barber Surprised On 70th Birthday.**

Plans are being made for a Christmas tree and concert to be given in the church this (Saturday) evening. Mrs. I. L. Cottrell, who has been ill, is better.

Mrs. E. E. Kenyon and Mrs. Bowen Matteson, were recent callers in Westerly.

G. F. Barber of Woody Hill called on his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Kenyon, Wednesday.

H. A. Saunders was a caller in Hope Valley, Wednesday.

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## SOUTH COVENTRY

**Rev. F. P. Baheler at Congregational Church—Christmas Trees Held—Joseph B. Green Kicked in Head by Horse.**

Rev. F. P. Baheler of Talcoville occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday morning. In the evening Mr. Nichols of New Haven occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church. A large number of people out were disappointed by his non-arrival.

There was a Christmas tree at the Congregational church Sunday evening, and one at the Methodist church also.

## EAST WILLINGTON

**School Closes For the Holidays—Gifts Purchased for Sunday School Christmas Tree.**

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